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Government be pleased to extend and continue the grant of subsistence loans till at least the next harvest season so as to enable them to get on with their cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government will consider the grant of other kinds of loans but not the subsistence loans."

Construction of a causeway across the Puthige river, Kasaragod taluk.

* 720 *Q*.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any resolutions from various panchayat boards in Kasaragod taluk sanctioning contributions for the construction of a causeway across the Puthige river in Kasaragod taluk;

(*b*) if so, what is the aggregate amount so sanctioned; and

(*c*) when the Government will carry out the work and whether they will contribute the balance necessary for the construction of the said causeway?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government would encourage the panchayat boards which sanctioned contribution from their funds by way of financial aid to neighbouring boards to construct causeways and bridges which would also cover their needs, and would the Government contribute at least six times the amount so sanctioned by the panchayat boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government give grants to district boards and the panchayats may negotiate with the district board and get on with the construction of their bridges."

Labour schools run by the Harijan Welfare Department.

* 721 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri P. Venkatasubbiah, who put the question, is not in his place. The question and answer will therefore be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Labour schools run by the Harijan Welfare Department in the State of Madras; and

(*b*) the number of wells dug and the number of public latrines built for the use of Harijans in the State of Madras?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) At present 1,367 Harijan Welfare schools are being run by the Harijan Welfare Department.